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Principal's Message

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Washington School Students:

The calendar says spring is here, but I don't feel it yet. I do hope the extended daylight is giving you a ray of sunshine.

The Reading Celebration and our school wide creativity event were very exciting! It was nice to see so many parents at the reading celebration, reading alongside your child. Please look on our website for pictures of our school wide creativity/collaboration event. Children, between classes and within their own rooms, used the theme of Washington is a Wonderland to write songs, create projects and think imaginatively.

The month of April will bring a week vacation, but also a visit from Junior Achievement, our 5th graders will be attending a Leadership Conference at the Highs School, Night of the Notables for grade 3 and more. Please continue to read your child's Tuesday Take Home Folder to learn more about all of the exciting events.

As the weather gets warmer, we will resume recess outside. It is important that everyone remembers that we are Safe, Smart and Respectful in all environments including, before school and on the playground. Please remind your child of your expectations to maintain positive relationships.

As always, thank you for everything!

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

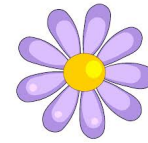
Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Gray

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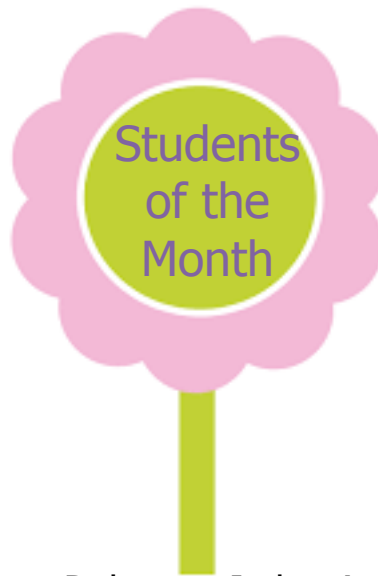


March Good Deed Doers



Jo'van Delemos, Eric Rodriguez, Francisco Bermudez, Aaliyah Hicks, Princessilla Peprah, Chance Clark, Emanuel Sampel, Destiny McCrorey, Finnegan Kay & Christopher Negron

**This month's art kit was presented to Princessilla Peprah!
Congratulations to you all! Keep up the good work and remember
YOU can get caught doing the right thing too!**



Kindergarten ~ Mariah Foster, Jo'van Delemos, Jaden Austin & Elizabeth Cuevas

1st Grade ~ Dakhyra Huggins, Barraq Amadou & Damien Smith

2nd Grade ~ Joseph Millette, Stacy Addo, Francisco Bermudez & Lilly Ayala

3rd Grade ~ Sheela Wilkie, Maisha Kahn & Branna Booth

4th Grade ~ Dejah Ayala, Jacorian Adom & Jessalyne Morales

5th Grade ~ Lindsay Jones, Tyreice Dominique & Cassandra Alicea

Remember, YOU can be Student of the Month in your classroom too! Washington Scholars who are Safe, Smart and Respectful are always eligible to be Student of the Month. Congratulations to all of March honorees and good luck in April!

News From 2nd Grade

2nd grade has begun Spring with learning a variety of new skills! In literacy, we have been continuing to read various non-fiction texts, practicing asking and answering questions, identifying the main ideas and supporting details, as well as determining the author's purpose. Our non-fiction unit ties into our writing unit, such that we have been creating a variety of non-fiction texts, including: All-About books, How-To books, and Research books. In numeracy, we have continued to practice strategies of adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers with and without regrouping. We have just finished our geometry unit, learning about 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes and partitioning shapes into equal parts. Currently, we are working on measurement, practicing estimating and measuring with non-standard and standard units, comparing lengths of items, and interpreting data and graphs. We are all excited to continue to learn and apply our new knowledge!

***To all 2nd graders: Make sure you bring in your permission slip for our field trip on Thursday, April 9th to Theaterworks at the University of Hartford! Your permission slip is due to your classroom teacher.**

~ Mrs. Jones, Mrs. English, Mrs. Farrell & Mrs. Frosti



News From 4th Grade

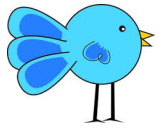
The fourth grade students are fully immersed in their traditional literature unit! Traditional literature are those stories that have been handed down from generation to generation. Most often, we don't even know who the original author is!

We have decided to extend March Madness to our Traditional Literature unit by choosing our favorite stories! Who will be the ultimate winner?

Please look for our Traditional Literature bracket in this newsletter.

~Mrs. Flynn, Ms. Ramsey & Ms. Giaquinto





News From Orchestra

I just wanted to share with you what a success the music department's cello day was today. We had cello students from grades 4 – 12 participating. Earlier in the day students had a session with Susan Kohanski, a cellist with the Manchester Symphony Orchestra, about instrument placement, bow hold, and sound production. In the afternoon we had cello students from grades 4 -12 come together to perform a piece together. It was a great opportunity for our students here in Manchester!

Thanks,

Sarah Jordan

Elementary Orchestra Teacher

F.R.C. April Dates

Infant/Toddler Playgroup – April 1, 8, 22, 29

Preschool Playgroup – April 2, 9, 23, 30

Girls Circle – April 7, 21

Boys Club – April 9, 23

2A & 1st Grade Lunch Bunch – April 6

2B & Kindergarten Lunch Bunch – April 7

"1, 2, 3 Magic!" Discipline Workshop – April 7, 14 (offsite), 21, 28



Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child that will turn 5 by January 1, 2016, it is time to register them for Kindergarten!!! Please visit our website: mpspride.org and complete an on-line application and call Miss Carla at 860-645-4813 to sign up for Kindergarten Orientation. We have times available on April 27 and 28 or May 7th.

Thank you!!!!

Connecticut Writing Project

We are pleased to announce that several Washington students will be featured in this year's Connecticut Student Writer's Magazine. Congratulations to Daunte Ayala who's work "The 12 Monster" will be this year's cover. The artwork of four other Washington students, Christopher StaCruz, Antwone Miller, Rabia Chaudhary, and Kirsten Johnson, will also be featured in the magazine. An awards ceremony will take place on May 13th honoring all published writers. Congratulations to all our published artists!



4th Annual Science Fair with Invention Convention

Congratulations to our third grader Branna Booth from Ms. Herchuk's class for winning 1st Place in the second and third grade division at the Invention Convention.

The name of her invention is The Antistopper 3000 and its purpose is to keep animals out of the trash while saving energy!





How to Help Your Child Get Past “Getting Stuck” on Words While Reading

With your help, your child can learn strategies to overcome word decoding and phonics problems that affect his/her reading. Read below for some tips and specific things to do.

What parents can do to help at home:

- For a younger reader, help your child learn the letters and sounds of the alphabet. Occasionally point to letters and ask your child to name them, make their sound, or tell you a word that begins with that letter.
- Help your child make connections between what he or she might see on a sign or in a store and the letter and sound work he or she is doing in school.
- Encourage your child to write and spell notes, e-mails, and letters using what he knows about sounds and letters.
- Talk with your child about the "irregular" words that she'll often see in what she's reading. These are the words that don't follow the usual letter-sound rules. These words include *said*, *are*, and *was*. Children must learn to recognize these words "at sight."
- Consider using computer software or Internet Sites e.g., Starfall.com that focus on developing phonics and emergent literacy skills.

Activities to teach your child to help himself:

- Play with magnetic letters. See how quickly you can put them in ABC order while saying or singing the alphabet.
- Look at writing around your house and at signs outside to see if you can spot familiar words and letter patterns.
- When you're trying to sound out a word, pay close attention to the print. Try to look at all the letters in the word, not just the first one or two.

Remember that promoting a relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere is key to helping your child become a good reader.

Next month I'll share tips on supporting your child with the Common Core Standards for Reading.

Happy Reading!
Dr. Fiano

News From Manchester Public Library

The Spring Storytime session will begin the week of April 20th. Registration for this 5-week session begins on April 13th for Manchester residents and April 15th for non-residents. Programs are offered for infants, one-year olds, two-year olds, three-to-five year olds and elementary age children. Call 860-645-0577 for more information or visit our websites, library.townofmanchester.org. Locations: Mary Cheney Library, 586 Main St., Manchester, CT; Whiton Library, 100 North Main St., Manchester, CT

The Family Place program will resume this spring on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. This informal program is for children 0 – 36 Months and their parents. It offers visits with professionals from the community, developmentally appropriate toys and art activities. The free 5-week program will begin on April 21st and **requires registration**. Registration will begin April 13th for Manchester residents and April 15th for non-residents. Call 860-645-0577 for more information. Location: Mary Cheney Library, 586 Main St., Manchester, CT

April School Vacation

Manchester Public Library will host a number of special programs during the 2014 school spring vacation week. All programs are free. For more information, call or visit our website, library.townofmanchester.org. Locations: Mary Cheney Library, 586 Main St., Manchester, CT, 860-645-0577; Whiton Library, 100 North Main St., Manchester, CT, 860-643-6892

Monday, April 14th – Zumba Kids returns to MPL! Children aged 4-6 can enjoy Zumba Kids Jr. at Cheney at 11:30am, then children aged 7-11 can try Zumba Kids at Whiton at 1pm.

Tuesday, April 14th – Don't miss the chance to meet the Snow Sisters from Whimsical Wishes! They will be at MPL on April 14th at 3:30pm at Whiton and 6:30pm at Cheney. Sing songs, hear a story and get a chance to meet the sisters and their ice harvester friend! Bring your cameras! **Registration is required and begins March 30th.**

Wednesday, April 15th – Enjoy parachute games, Bingo and Pizza at Pizza, Parachute and Bingo from 11am-12pm at Cheney.

Paddington Bear visits Cheney at 2pm – stop in for a story, craft and photo opportunity.

Make cool crafts at Whiton from 1pm-7pm.

Listen to beautiful music when Manchester High School's string quartet entertains at Whiton at 6:30pm. This free program is for all ages!

Thursday, April 16th – Paddington Bear visits Whiton at 3:30pm for a story, craft and photo opportunity.

The band Island Rhythm will bring summer to spring vacation with their tropical sounds at 6:30pm at Cheney.

Friday, April 17th - Preschool playgroup will be held 9am-3pm at Whiton and 10am-noon at Cheney. Toys are provided and **parental supervision is required**.

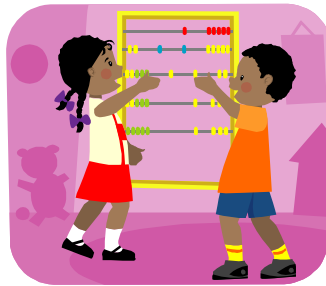
Saturday, April 18th – Make a craft at Cheney between 10am-4pm.



Please join us for

Washington School's Annual

Family Math & Reading Night



Thursday, May 21st
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Math & Reading Activities
Presentation for Parents
Pizza Dinner & Family Prizes



Important Dates To Remember



April 3rd – No School – Good Friday

April 8th – 3rd Grade Night of The Notables – 5:30 – 7:00 pm

School Governance Council – 6 – 7 pm - Library

PTA Meeting – 7 PM

April 13th – 17th – No School – Vacation

April 24th – 6:30 pm Family Movie Night (Annie)

April 25th – 9am – 10pm Barnes & Noble Bookfair Manchester

April 29th – WTNH Mobile Weather Lab visit for Grade One

April 30th – Lifetouch Spring Photos – (prepay)

